operators regarding appointment of an independent broadcasting regulatory authority and implementation of Conditional Access System;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Cable TV operators have also threatened to effect hafty hike in service-charges throughout the country from the next months; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Cable Operators' Federation of India (COUF), National Cable Television Association (NCTA) and the Cable Network Association (NCA), in their joint representation, have requested, *inter alia,* for the following:

(i) The implementation of CAS;

(ii) Enactment of Broadcasting Legislation.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The TRAI is seized of the issue.

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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether World Bank is planning to work out with the broadcasters including those from India, to spread the "development" message;

(b) if so, whether Bank has clarified that it is not providing direct funding to broadcasters but there is possibility of helping broadcasters with some of its existing resources; and

(c) what are the points that the World Bank is considering to support broadcasters and whether Government have examined these points?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) to (c) No such proposal has been received from the World Bank in the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.